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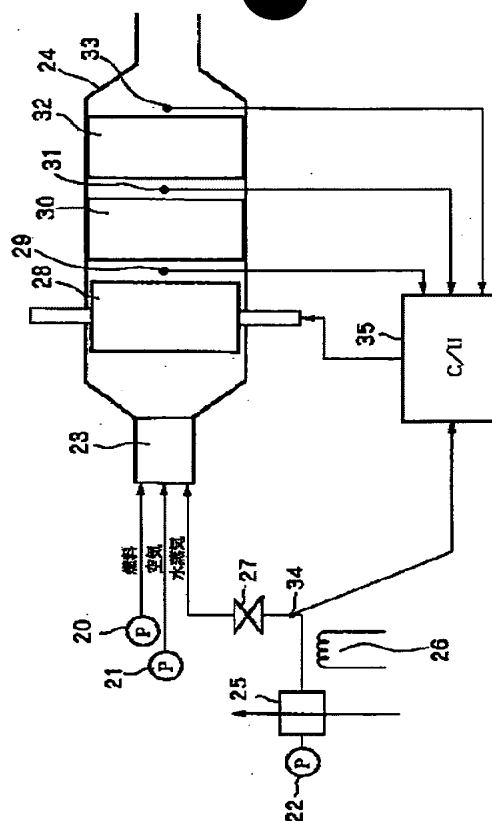
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TITLE : REFORMING REACTION APPARATUS  
AND REFORMING SYSTEM



ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To shorten the starting-up time of a reforming reaction at the time of starting-up a reforming reaction apparatus for producing hydrogen by reforming a hydrocarbon based fuel.

SOLUTION: A catalytic heater 28 formed by carrying an exothermic catalyst for promoting heat generation by the catalytic combustion on a heat generating body (electric heater), a honeycomb catalyst 30 on which mainly a partial oxidation reaction occurs and a honeycomb catalyst 32 on which mainly a self-heating reforming reaction occurs are arranged in the reforming reaction apparatus 24 for forming hydrogen by the reforming reaction by the supply of the fuel, air and steam, and the supply of the fuel, air and steam and the current to the catalytic heater 28 are controlled while detecting each catalyst outlet temperature with thermocouples 29, 31 and 33 by a control unit 35.

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AB - JP2002154805 NOVELTY - A catalyst heater (28) supports a hot honeycomb  
catalyst (30) which accelerates exothermic reaction with a fuel and a  
reformation honeycomb catalyst (32) which accelerates reformation  
reaction.  
- DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is included for the  
modification system which has a electric heater (26) and a control  
system that controls the supply of fuel, air and water into a  
reformation reaction apparatus which is based on the temperature  
condition of the catalyst at the time of start up of the reaction. The  
fuel and air are supplied to the reformation reaction apparatus with  
the air fuel ratios set for the catalyzed combustion if the honeycomb  
catalyst (30) reaches the catalyzed combustion start temperature or  
for the oxidation reaction if the honeycomb catalyst (32) reaches the  
oxidation reaction start up temperature. The fuel, air and water vapor  
are supplied at a set ratio for self-heating reformation reaction if  
the honeycomb catalyst (32) reaches the self-heat reformation reaction  
start temperature.  
- USE - For fuel reformation such as for petrol, light oil, methanol,  
CNG, naphtha, etc.  
- ADVANTAGE - Sets reaction conditions according to the start  
conditions, improving hydrogen formation.  
- DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the composition of the  
modification system. (Drawing includes non-English language text).  
- Electric heater 26  
- Catalyst heater 28  
- Honeycomb catalyst 30,32  
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TI - Fuel reformation reaction equipment includes catalyst heater that  
holds hot catalyst which accelerates exothermic reaction with fuel